

REMARKS

In the Final Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 36 and 37 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yokoi (JP 09-77436) in view of U.S. Patent No. 3,982,718 to Folkenroth et al. ("Folkenroth").

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in claims 38-51 if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

By this amendment, Applicants cancel claims 36 and 37, and amend claims 38 through 51 to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicants respectfully request that this Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 be entered by the Examiner, placing claims 38-51 in condition for allowance. The proposed amendments do not raise new issues or necessitate the undertaking of any additional search of the art by the Examiner. Therefore, this Amendment should allow for immediate and favorable action by the Examiner.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

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